any meeting in New Delhi with, the as s stance from the U.N. Childrens, Fund and supported by Department of Women and Child Development with a view to deliberate on the rights of the child with country's top Experts, Government officials and representatives from volun tary agencies looking after children's Welfare in India,

(b) if so, what were the major themes cieiberated upon particularly relating to caild labour, abuse and role of media, fiimily environment and alternate care etc. and whether any recommendations mad in respect thereof at the above seminar;

(e) what are the obstacles and d'fftcul ties which Government of India feel are c ming in the way of full' implementation of the U N. Convention on the rights of Child which was adopted by one U.N, General Assembly on Novem r* r, -0. 1989 and put into force on 2nd September, 1990; and

(d) how many reports Government h;;ve submitted so far in this regard ou [Js measures adopted, by India from the d. te of ratification of the convention ai J if not, the reasons therefor and when th next report is required to be sub-m'tted to the U.N.?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI); (a) Yes, Sir. The meeting was recently held on 21—23 Nov.,, 94.

(b) Major themes and sub-themes, de-liberated upon included; (a) Child R'ghts' and Freedom of Children, (b) F. nvly environment and alternate care (including adoption), (c) Basic health, Nutrition and Child Care, (d) Education, leisure and culture, (e) Children with special needs namely disabled children, Child Labour, Abused children and children in situat'ons of emergency, and (f' The role of Media.

'(c) No specific obstacles and diffi-cu'tie? hare come in. the way of imple-mentation of the Convention on the Rights • the Child (CRC) as ratified by India. With a view to ensuring the rights of the child relating to their survival, protection and development as contained in the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), a National Plan of Action for Children (1992) laying down major and sectoral goals Io be achieved by mid decade and 2000 A.D., has been adopted. The priority areas identified under the plan include Health, Nutrition, Education, Water Sanitation and Environment advocacy and people's participation. An Inter-ministerial monitoring committee lvs been set up which monitors al regular intervals, tlie action taken to implement the Plan of Action for children.

(d) The first country report on the implementation of the provisions of the Convention is due only on 10th January, 1996. Thereafter, State Parties are required to submit periodic reports every 5 years.

गुजरात के स्वैच्छिक संगठनों द्वारा वित्तीय सहायता की मांग किया जाना

673. **श्री गोपाल सिंह जी सोलंकी :**
श्री राजूभाई ए० परमार :

क्या **कल्याण मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) सरकार को गत तीन वर्षों के दौरान गुजरात के बड़ोदरा, भरुच, सूरत और पंचमहल जिलों के विभिन्न स्वयंसेवी संगठनों से वित्तीय सहायता के लिये प्रति वर्ष कितने आवेदन पत्र प्राप्त हुये हैं ;

(ख) सरकार ने कितने आवेदन पत्रों को स्वीकृति दी है और उस अवधि के दौरान कितनी वित्तीय सहायता दी है ;

(ग) कितने आवेदन-पत्र स्वकृति के लिये लंबित हैं ; और

(घ) इन्हें कब तक स्वीकृति दे दी जायेगी ?

कल्याण मंत्री (श्री सीताराम केसरी) : (क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान सहाय ता

अनुदान के लिये आवेदनों की संख्या इस प्रकार है:--

	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94
वड़ोदरा	4	3	4
भड़ौच	शून्य	1	1
सूरत	1	1	1
पंचमहल	1	1	1

(ख) उक्त अवधि के दौरान निपटाए गए आवेदनों की संख्या तथा वितरित राशि इस प्रकार है :—

(रुपए लाख में)

	1991-92		1992-93		1993-94	
	संख्या	राशि	संख्या	राशि	संख्या	राशि
वड़ोदरा	3	5.08	3	6.89	3	9 10
भड़ौच	शून्य	--	--	--	--	0.68
सूरत	1	0.50	1	1.12	1	2.72
पंचमहल	1	1.17	1	2.81	--	-

(ग) पांच आवेदन लंबित हैं।

(घ) संगठनों से आवश्यक सूचना/स्पष्टीकरण प्राप्त होने तथा/अथवा जहां आवश्यक हो, राज्य सरकार से रिपोर्ट प्राप्त होने पर, यदि पात्र पाये जाते हैं, तो वित्तीय सहायता के लिये लंबित आवेदनों पर विचार किया जाता है।

Monorities Fisiaiicial Development Corporation

674. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: DR. BAPU KALDATE;

Wil] the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred . Quesion 707 given ia the Rajya Sabha on 29th July, 1994 and state whether the modalities have since been worked out for the proposed National Minorities Finance anj Development Corporation?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): Government ha$_s$ set up a National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation (NMDFC) which has become operational from 30th September, 1994, with an authorised share capital' of Rs.'50 crores to promote economic and developmental activities-for. the benefit of backward sections simongst the minorities, preference being given to occupational groups and women. Loans and advances would be extended to the members belonging to the minorities whose annual family income is below double the poverty line